

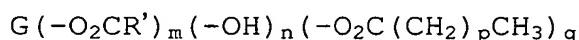
Triglyceride and Triglyceride-like Prodrugs of Glycogen  
Phosphorylase Inhibiting Compounds

Abstract of the Disclosure

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Prodrugs of a glycogen phosphorylase inhibiting compounds are provided, said prodrug compounds having the formula I

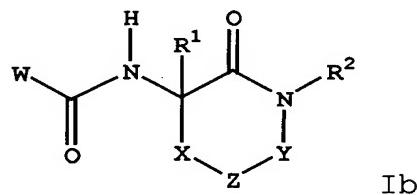
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wherein G is a C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>5</sub> branched or straight carbon chain  
 15 and (-O<sub>2</sub>CR'), (-OH) and (-O<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) are attached to any available carbon atom along G;

m is an integer from 1 to 4;  
 n is an integer from 0 to 3;  
 p is an integer from 0 to 16;  
 20 q an integer from 0 to 3; where the sum of m, n and q is 3 or 4; and  
 -O<sub>2</sub>CR' is a fragment of a compound of formula



25 wherein W, X, Y, Z, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are as defined herein.

Further provided are pharmaceutical compositions and methods for treating diabetes and related diseases employing compounds above, either alone or in combination with another therapeutic agent.

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